

Ford Would Replace Gold With Energy

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taxation. The customary alternative is thirty-year bonds at 4 per cent. The United States, the estimated government in the world, wishing a peppy \$30,000,000 to complete a great public benefit, is forced to go to the money sellers.

"But your plan would upset the money system of the world and might work incalculable harm," it was remarked to Mr. Ford.

"Not necessarily; not at all. We need not abolish anything. We need not even abolish the gold standard. Simply forget that there is any such thing as a gold standard and whenever the government needs money for a great serviceable and profitable public improvement, instead of thinking of bonds with their heavy drag of interest charges, think of redeemable non-interest bearing currency."

"But have you worked out a standard of value?" Mr. Ford was asked.

"Yes, we have. We will have that ready when Congress wishes to hear about this plan. The standard American dollar is approximately one-tenth of an ounce of gold. Under the currency system the standard would be a certain amount of energy exerted for one hour that would be equal to one dollar. It is simply a case of this river and calculating in terms different from those laid down to us by the international banking group to which we have grown so accustomed that we think there is no other desirable standard."

"But how is all this going to stop war?"

"Predicts Amazing Success."

"Simply because if tried here at Muscle Shoals this plan will be so overwhelmingly and amazingly successful that the American people will never again consent to issuance of an interest-bearing bond for an internal improvement. When the government needs money it will raise it by issuing currency against its imperishable natural wealth. Other countries, seeing our success, will do likewise. The function of the money seller will have disappeared."

"No matter what becomes of this suggestion I shall act so that no money speculator will make anything out of Muscle Shoals, even if I have to take up the whole bond issue myself."

Mr. Ford's plan includes completing the Muscle Shoals dam, in a sense, for nothing. Mr. Ford says the United States should issue currency to the amount of \$30,000,000, and thereby pay for the dam, but he would make several marked changes between the Muscle Shoals currency and that which is ordinarily secured by gold held in the United States Treasury.

New Unit of Value

First, Mr. Ford, proposes that this currency be issued only to a certain definite amount, and for a specific purpose—that is, the completion of Muscle Shoals.

Second, he proposes to back up the Muscle Shoals currency by an entirely new unit of value. There is the best security in the world in this river which is capable of furnishing a million horsepower, said Mr. Ford. It has been here for untold ages. "It will be here as long as there is rain and mountains to shed the rain into the river," the Detroit millionaire continued. "This

energy is productive of wealth and is imperishable. Now, which is the more secure, this power and its development or the few barrels of gold necessary to make the \$30,000,000? This site, with the power possibilities, will last long after the Treasury Building is a mass of ruins."

"This is the security upon which I believe we can base the currency for Muscle Shoals."

"What about the unit of values?" he was asked.

"That will be worked out when Congress cares to hear about it," he replied. "Under the energy currency system the standard would be a certain amount of energy for one hour that would be equal to \$1. It is simply a case of calculating in different terms from those laid down to us by the international bankers."

"The only difference between this currency plan and the plan of issuing bonds to pay for the development here is that under my idea there will not need be any interest paid to the Wall Street money merchants who do nothing to build the dam. These men will serve nothing and under this plan will get nothing."

"Foreign countries ought not raise objection about accepting money based on Muscle Shoals, for Muscle Shoals is a national and not an international matter, and the money would only be for use at home."

Mr. Ford's ideas on the way Congress will look at his revolutionary proposal are strong and vigorous.

San Francisco Hails Foch

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—Marshal Ferdinand Foch, arriving in San Francisco today, was greeted by thousands who packed the sidewalks as he passed up Market Street at the head of a military and naval parade. He spent the day in Berkeley, Oakland and San Francisco.

Craig Urges \$10,000,000 Education Cut

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proportion for county purposes for Richmond County.

"If this is so there remains but one way in which the budget can be brought within the constitutional tax limit, and that is by reducing appropriations computed in the rate for the city at large. This will involve a reduction of \$10,000,000 to bring the city rate down to a point where the rate for city and county purposes in Richmond and the other counties will be within the constitutional limit of 2 per cent."

"If the appropriations for any of the various city departments, such as the Police, Fire, Street Cleaning, or for redemption of special revenue bonds and tax notes be reduced, the result will be to prevent the functioning of the department so reduced, or, in case of the short term obligations, to put the city in default of payment thereof at maturity."

"Moreover, the total amount of any deficiency thus created that might possibly be made good by the issuance of special revenue bonds through action of the Board of Aldermen in 1922 could not exceed \$2,000,000. It is evident, therefore, that the reduction must be made upon some state activity where the Legislature can take appropriate action to meet the state's responsibilities for deficient appropriations."

"The Comptroller points out that the city was unable to appropriate all the money required for it for the years 1921 and 1922 'by reason of the action

of the Legislature in enacting laws under which the state's responsibilities, instead of being carried in the annual appropriation bill of the state, were placed upon the City of New York."

"Education is a state function," he continued, "and because it was a state function the Legislature increased teachers' salaries in the City of New York at the rate of \$31,000,000 per year, but when it came to providing the means wherewith to meet this increased outlay the Legislature did not consider that education was a state function."

The Comptroller cited an opinion by the Court of Appeals within two weeks, holding that education is a state function. He quoted Frank P. Graves, the new State Commissioner of Education, to the effect that "the schools do not belong to the city and should not be considered among its municipal expenditures."

"In the light of these declarations," said the Comptroller, "it is manifest that it is the duty of the budget making authorities of the City of New York to provide for those activities as are to be supported by municipal expenditures within the tax limit, and when the tax limit prohibits making provision for state activities, the obligation to do so should be left to the Legislature, where it belongs."

"Inasmuch as there is no power

within the constitutional tax limit for the city of New York to raise moneys thus needed for state purposes, I think the city will do its entire duty when it goes to the limit of its power of taxation. This will be done by taking \$10,000,000 from the appropriations contained in the budget for 1922 for the Board of Education."

"If Governor Miller and the Legislature are sincerely concerned about the welfare of the schools and the administration of education as a state function, the Legislature will doubtless make provision out of the moneys received by the exercise of its own taxing powers, which have lately produced considerable sums from the income tax and from the taxes imposed upon manufacturing and other corporations."

Head of Boston Firm Which Fell With Ponzi Is Bankrupt

BOSTON, Dec. 3.—Henry H. Chmielinski, president of the Hanover Trust Company, which went to the wall in August, 1920, in the collapse of the Ponzi scheme, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy today.

He listed his liabilities at \$1,201,000 and his assets as uncertain, but including \$1,130,000 in real estate, heavily mortgaged; \$26,000 on notes and debts due, and securities of uncertain value. He said he had no cash.

Sues to Annul Dry Act

R. A. Widenmann Files Brief in U. S. Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Defending what he describes as his own "liberties and the liberties of his country," Robert A. Widenmann, of New York, filed in the Supreme Court today a brief in a case in which he seeks to have the national prohibition amendment declared unconstitutional.

Widenmann in his brief contends the amendment exceeds Federal control over the internal affairs of the states, especially invades their police powers, deprives people of the liberty "to gratify their natural desires in the pursuit of happiness," and of a hearing by jury before being deprived of their "rights," and that it takes their private property without compensation. The courts of the District of Columbia decided against Widenmann.

Explosion of Alleged Still Causes Damage of \$25,000

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Dec. 3.—The explosion of what is alleged to be a still for the manufacturing of liquor wrecked the top floor of a State Street

business block and caused damage estimated at \$25,000 at midnight. The explosion was followed by a burst of flame which sent guests in an adjacent hotel to the street. When the firemen fought their way to the center of the fire they found, it is alleged, 85 barrels of mash, five barrels of alcohol, ten bags of sugar and a barrel of juniper berries.

The loft had been recently rented by the Sub Rosa Distributing Company. Two stills were found sitting on a gas stove. The Federal authorities are investigating.

Westinghouse Gets \$2,000,000 Japanese Hydro-Electric Job

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 3.—A contract for electrical apparatus to the value of \$2,000,000 has been awarded to the Westinghouse Electrical International Company by the Daido Electric Power Company of Japan, the Westinghouse Company announced here today.

The machinery is to be used in two hydro-electric plants, which are to form part of a great power system for the Tokio district. The current is to be transmitted at 154,000 volts, the announcement said.

Girls' Club to Enliven Male Chat Has Setback

Rain Interferes With Plan to Teach Swains to Say More Than "Yes" or "No"

There are girls in Jamaica and Hell, L. I., who find that the stronger sex is weak on conversation of the sensible sort. It became known yesterday that these girls have formed a club under the leadership of Elsa Maier for the purpose of developing in the local swains the art of saying nothing pleasantly and of discussing topics of social and current interest by some other than the "yes" and "no" system.

The first meeting was held last Friday night. All that kept it from the borderland of success was the total absence of those for whose benefit the club had been formed. The men had been invited, and ten was just the number of men that did not report for their schooling.

The girls, however, are 18-karat optimists, and point out that it was undoubtedly the quantity of rain which fell last Friday night that kept the "club-footed" talkers away from the meeting.

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